

Ilya Ivanovych Orushchak (July 30, 1893 – December 10, 1976) was a Ukrainian Sich Rifleman, a volunteer in the Ukrainian Legion of the Sich Riflemen, and a participant in the Battle of Mount Makivka (April 28 – May 5, 1915). He was taken prisoner. His close friend and comrade-in-arms, the renowned Ukrainian scholar and writer Dmytro Hryhorovych Bandrivsky – author of atlas and a collection of dialects of the Pidbuzhsky District, as well as the works “In the Land of Eagles”, “Under the Blue Mountains”, “Two Bright Stars” and others, were forced to dig a grave for Ilya Ivanovych Orushchak, but our troops arrived and freed them. The October 1994 issue of the newspaper “Sambirsky Visti” featured an article marking the 100th anniversary of the incident in which

he was beaten by Polish soldiers in his own village and how his older brother, Vasyl Ivanovych Orushchak (1888 – 1977), hid him. -1-

I.I.Orushchak lived in exile abroad from 1916 to 1926. He knew five languages: German, Polish, Bulgarian, Serbian, and Croatian. He did not know Russian.

In 1935, he built the Church of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the village of Side, Sambir District, Lviv Region (Ukraine).

His father, Ivan Dmytrovych Orushchak (1862 – 1900), also built a church in neighboring village of Vilshanyk in the Sambir District. Ilya Ivanovych Orushchak had seven children: Daria, Yaroslava, Anna, Anastasia, Bohdan, Mykhailo, and Myron. His wife was Maria Ivanivna Man'ko (1914 – 1966). Their son,

Bohdan Illich Orushchak (December 27, 1942 – May 27, 2002) was the principal of the Horodyshche nine-year school and a teacher of Ukrainian language and literature. He held three degrees. A law degree and a degree in elementary education.

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Mykhailo Vaskiv was to write about B.I.Orushchak in “They Were the First” – a work about the deputies and him from the first democratic convocations of the Sambir District Council (1990 – 1994) and (1998 – 2002).

His wife, Stefania Mykolayivna Kos-Orushchak (November 11, 1943 – August 24, 2006), was a teacher of mathematics and drafting and the academic dean at the school in Horodyshche.

His grandson, Ihor Bohdanovych Orushchak (born November 8, 1969), In 1991 graduated Pedagogical Institute in honors. Gold medal in schools. 4-th years postgraduate on nanotechnology/ He has now one science article and 5 thesesses.

His daughter, Oksana Orushchak (born July 22, 1975) – theacher mathematics. Gold medal.

I.I.Orushchak passed in 1976. -3-